

# STREET CAR STRIKE HANGING ON TWO ISSUES AS HOUR OF TIEUP ORDER IS NEARING; COMMISSION HEARING CASE

Ultimatum for 75 Cent Scale Is Issued at Meeting of State Body.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, July 29.—Unless the employees of the Tri-City Railway company and the Moline, Rock Island and Eastern Traction company, receive a wage increase to 75 cents an hour by 4 o'clock Friday morning, the men will strike. This was the ultimatum served on the company at the increased fare hearing before the state public utilities commission here today.

The company, through B. J. Denman, president of the railway company, and R. Shadalee, vice president of the United Light & Power company, say that even though they are allowed the fare they are asking, 7 cents, the company will only be able to grant a maximum to the men of 55 cents an hour. At today's meeting the men were represented by J. B. Lawson, international vice president of the street car men's union.

Chicago, July 29.—The wage rate problems of the Tri-City Railway company and the Moline, Rock Island and Eastern Traction company, were taken up yesterday before the public utilities commission after Commissioner Wilkerson announced the commission's ruling that the hearing of the company's appeal for an increase in rates be resumed.

H. E. Weeks, treasurer for the Tri-City company, quoted figures at the hearing, endeavoring to show that the company is in dire need of permission to increase fares to 7 cents if the demands of the employees for a 75 cent hourly wage was to be considered, sided.

Advices received by officials of Division 312, Street Railway Trainmen's union of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, this afternoon, were to the effect that officials of the division at noon today issued an ultimatum to the Tri-City Railway company heads at the fare increase hearing in Chicago, that if the company did not agree to a wage scale of 60 cents an hour by 6 o'clock tonight, the men will strike at 4 o'clock Friday morning.

It was indicated that the union officials, with J. B. Lawson, international vice president of the street car men's union, would leave at once for the tri-cities where they would make all preparations necessary to place in effect the order which will tieup street car transportation in the tri-cities. Previous intimation of the company is that under no circumstances in the event of a strike would the traction concern endeavor to operate the cars by nonunion labor. It was stated that if the men quit the job the cars will be left in the barn.

## INSPECTION OF COAL DELIVERY METHODS IS ON

Inspector of Weights and Measures Will Insure Against Losses in Transportation.

Coal dealers should make sure that they furnish exactly the amount of coal as ordered by customers. Lawrence K. Ehl, city inspector of weights and measures, announced today that he was conducting an investigation with a view to insuring exact deliveries of the product.

"The greatest cause of underweight in some instances," the inspector said, "is waste in transportation." The official has discovered coal littering many streets.

The loads must be weighed under the city ordinance, but measures must also be taken to insure no waste.

Waste is a loss charged to the purchaser, as the commodity is only weighed when taken from the company buildings.

Coal dealers will be ordered to prevent waste in the future, as a rigid investigation to insure compliance will be made by the inspector.

As a result of an order given several days ago that ice must be weighed from the wagons, no more complaints have been received, the inspector says. All dealers have now consented to the requirement.

GEORGE STORY, ARTIST, DIES. London, July 29.—George Adolphus Story, the famous artist and authority on porphyry, died at his residence here this morning.

Hillsboro, Ill.—John W. Edwards a farmer, is dead as the result of falling on the stubble of a big weed which penetrated his stomach. Edwards weighed 250 pounds.

Correct Shoes for Men and Women At Forsberg's Walk Over Boot Shop 414 Fifteenth Street, Moline Dr. Scholl's Foot Comfort Service for Men and Women

## MEN TO REFUSE COMPANY'S PLAN OF 55-CENT PAY

Street railway trainmen who are ready to strike at midnight Thursday unless "something happens" in the meantime, today seemed still firm in their demands for a 75-cent an hour wage.

While at the meeting in Davenport yesterday in which the mayors of the city endeavored in a few hours to hear and consider increase in street car fares to 7 cents and at the same time consider matter of wage increases for the men, it was suggested that perhaps the trainmen would accept a 55-cent maximum pay.

Individual street car men expressed the opinion today that 55 cents is entirely too low to be considered. They pointed to the decision of the street railway company at Des Moines which yesterday granted the men there an increase of from 47 cents to 65 cents an hour, averting a strike which had been set for Friday. They also figured that in the demand of the Chicago street car men who are asking 85 cents an hour.

A number of the street car men interviewed were of the opinion that nothing less than 65 cents an hour could be considered and they said that even then it would depend on the sentiment of the entire division of trainmen. No individual opinion was expressed for a rate of pay lower than 65 cents an hour. Each declared that such a figure would have to depend on whether or not the company would show that all of the fare increase goes towards the wages of the men.

If not, the interviewed expressed himself as believing that a higher rate of pay should be granted.

"The company is going to the hearing before the utilities commission of the state with the argument that we are demanding 75 cents an hour," one of the men said. "Yet, the company will not consider paying us that sum. They are arguing for more fare with the figure we demand but they turn around and offer us nothing more than 55 cents. The majority of the men feel that the company is using our 75 cent wage demand to get an increase to 7 cents, plan to give us only 55 cents, and pocket the rest of the money which we think will amount to the biggest share resulting from the increase. I predict the men will not accept a 55-cent scale."

## BOARD WANTS RIVER ROUTE BETTER ROAD

Board of Supervisors Sign Petition to Go to the Offices of State Highway Engineer.

A petition expressing the hopes of Rock Island county for benefits under the 60 million dollar bond issue for good roads was circulated among the supervisors this morning, and it is expected to take the form of a resolution to be sent to the offices of the state highway commission at Springfield.

It is the wish of the board that the Rock River Valley route, extending thirty-one miles through the county, be favored with the allotted improvement.

Survey Soon. The state will have highway engineers here in a short time to conduct a survey, and this preliminary activity of the board is to assert the attitude of the county.

## UNION MEN, ATTENTION!

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT INDUSTRIAL HOME, ROCK ISLAND

TONIGHT AT 8:00 P. M.

TO TAKE PART IN THE PROTEST PARADE FOR THE TELEPHONE WORKERS

## Divorce Fare From Pay Problem in Street Car Strike, Mayor Advises

Divorce the increased fare problem from the wage issue in the impending street car strike and the trainmen will then not be used as stepping stones for the company to secure a 7-cent rate.

This was the advice of Mayor Schriver, interviewed today by The Argus, in opposing an increase in fare. The mayor is strong for the men to get a wage increase but believes this can be brought about without increasing the cost of transportation to the public.

Mayor Schriver said that the commission is fighting the proposed increase, continuing action taken by the preceding administration.

"The commission is absolutely opposed to the increase," the mayor asserted against certain intimations that the official body had taken an attitude condescending to the proposed higher fare.

Sufficient Profits in Rock Island. The city leader has taken the stand that profits of the Tri-City Railway company on this side of the river are sufficient at the present time. It has been admitted by officials of the company that Rock Island operations of the cars have produced more profits than in Davenport.

"Why, then," asserted the mayor, "should the Rock Island public have to pay for operations in Iowa? As far as this city is concerned, there is absolutely no necessity in the opinion of the city commission for increasing fares to meet wage demands of the street railway employees. The company can pay the men 55 cents per hour in Rock Island and then make sufficient profits."

Issues Should Be Divorced. The two issues of higher fare and higher wage should be absolutely divorced, the mayor holds, supported by City Attorney John K. Scott and other city officials.

The men should not be used as stepping stones for a higher fare, he said. He believes in letting the men get their wage demands separately and then letting the company make arrangements for payment by measures taken by the company separately.

This attitude was shown by Mayor Schriver this morning at a discussion at the city hall with an official of the Peoples Power company and representatives of the Tri-City Federation of Labor.

No direct action in reference to the proposed higher fares was taken at that particular meeting.

## DELK AND MAN WHO BEAT HIM ARE ARRESTED

Davenport Man Swears Out Warrant After Charges Are Brought Against Him.

Rev. James "Jimmy" Delk was arrested today on complaint of the person who beat him up yesterday morning.

The arrest came as result of a warrant sworn out by the evangelist against Paul Haradon, 221 West Sixth street, Davenport. Haradon was charged with disorderly conduct by Delk. Delk is charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Haradon appeared in the station this morning voluntarily.

The story of the fight as told by the Davenport man differs from the one advanced by Delk. Haradon claimed that when he met the evangelist at the corner of Sixth street and Fourth avenue he stopped him to ask for a few explanations. Haradon had charged Delk with insulting a woman friend of his wife.

Denies Using Knuckles. Haradon said that when he accosted the evangelist, Delk flashed a knife and succeeded in inflicting a cut.

It was then, Haradon says, that he used his fists and closed on Delk's eyes. He refuted the statement that he used brass knuckles and said that he did not run when the fight was over.

The evangelist lived up to his statement made yesterday that he would continue his evening services at Sixth street and Sixth avenue, one block from the scene of the fight.

## It's Never Too Hot

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It fills you with satisfaction on any occasion. Its goodness never varies.

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## COMMISSION IS SOLID AGAINST CARFARE RAISE

The Rock Island city commission is opposed to an increase in fare for the Tri-City Railway company.

Commissioner M. T. Rudgren, serving his third term as commissioner of accounts and finances, today outlined the position of the commission as he has found it.

"The commission feels that the decision of the state public utilities commission in recently denying the company the right to increase its fares to 7 cents, made an extensive investigation into the finances of the traction concern and was entirely familiar with the cost of operating and the revenues," Mr. Rudgren said.

"We were pleased with the report of the commission because we believe that the company does not need a fare increase to obtain a reasonable profit on its investment. Our position has not changed. The former administration did everything possible to fight the increase and the present administration will do the same."

"It would be different if the public utilities commission had time after time refused to grant increases to traction concerns asking them, it has not. In various cases in this state it has authorized higher fares. In other cases it has denied them. This indicates that the commission made an extensive investigation into the merits of a petition before it acts."

"If the public utilities commission, after this thorough study, finds that an increase is not necessary, no city body would be justified without access to all records of the concern to take any action which would give the company an increase."

Rock Island Rotarians today gazed upon scenes in Greenland, an island as large as that part of the United States lying east of the Mississippi, all covered with ice from a few hundred to a few thousand feet in thickness, and tried to feel cool. But the room was hot, ventilation was cut off and of course it was dark, for the views were from the stereoscopic kind, and so perspiration flowed and collars wilted, and as a psychological experiment the entertainment was not altogether successful.

Otherwise the program, which was presented by Prof. W. E. Ekblaw of the University of Illinois, was enjoyable and highly instructive. Mr. Ekblaw spent a few years in the islands north of Greenland in a vain search for Crocker land, and he told much about his experiences that was interesting. Especially absorbing was his story of the Smith Island Eskimos, a tribe of 250 souls living 800 miles farther north than any other people.

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MORNING IS DULL IN POLICE COURT

A quiet day passed in Rock Island today, as indicated at the police court. No offenses of any importance were reported to the police.

Last evening two persons were fined. H. Carlson paid \$5 and costs for drunkenness, and Leonard Roach contributed an equal amount for disorderly conduct.

Women's Silk Boot Hose. Women's full fashioned, pure thread silk boot hose, silk lisle welt, linen heel and toes, all colors but black. Regular \$1.50. 79c

Women's Cotton Unionsuits. Women's fine cotton unionsuits, linen lace trimmed knee and heading trimmed top, all sizes. 75c values. 39c

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## BOARD MEETS TO DECIDE ON SITE OF COUNTY JAIL

Report of Committee Contains Recommendations On Four Available Properties.

Rock Island county board of supervisors are in session this afternoon to decide upon one of four sites for the new jail building.

Report of the jail site committee, presented at the meeting yesterday afternoon, was accepted this morning and referred to the jail building committee.

The site said to be most favored is the Warren property on the northeast corner of Fourteenth street and Second avenue, which is offered for \$15,000. Close proximity to the railroad tracks is given as one of the arguments in favor of the site, due to the fact that coal could be unloaded directly from the cars and thus eliminate expense now incurred in the hauling.

Other sites recommended in the committee's report include the property on which is located the old St. Joseph's school, the Elks' plot on Fifteenth street between Second and Third avenues, and a lot on Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

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## GRAHAM ASKED TO AID BOARD IN TAX FIGHT

Supervisors Want to Learn a Few Things Concerning U. S. Housing Corporation.

Rock Island county board of supervisors have directed an appeal to Congressman W. J. Graham, to enlist his aid in the fight to subject the property of the United States Housing corporation to county taxes.

The letter to the congressman prepared by a special committee consisting of Supervisors Fred Grafford, W. J. Schilling and Henry Wilkie, was read at the meeting this morning. It explained the operations of the housing corporation in Rock Island and Moline, which has succeeded in avoiding payment of county taxes through a temporary injunction issued by the federal court in Peoria. The communication requests the congressman to find out who comprises the corporation and under what circumstances it is classified as government owned, and therefore tax exempt.

Among other things the board is desirous of learning why it is that a similar housing corporation in Davenport, organized under the laws of Iowa, is subject to taxes in Iowa, while on this side of the river it escapes such payments.

The cities of Moline and Rock Island are being paid a sum equal to taxation because of a threat some time ago to deprive the property of city conveniences and school privileges. However, the county has no whip to use and consequently the corporation declined in no uncertain terms to submit to county taxes, or to advance a sum equal. When the county offered the property for sale in default of taxes, the corporation appealed to the federal court for an injunction, and was successful in its plea.

Supervisors contend that the ruling of the federal court that the property is a government reservation holds good, then residents in the tract will forfeit their right of franchise because their vote could be challenged in all except national elections. Further, it will deprive them of city and county police protection within its boundaries, because only a United States marshal or other federal agent would have the right to exercise such authority.

The establishment of such a precedent, the supervisors say, would lead all government controlled railroad, telegraph and telephone companies to claim similar exemption from taxes upon the ground that they are under federal jurisdiction.

CIGARMAKERS ARE GIVEN INCREASE

Union cigarmakers in this district have been granted an increase of 10 per cent in wages. The men recently presented the petition.

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He was born in Cambridge, Ill., and previous to his departure for the west had lived in Moline.

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